

ARS Client Launches Tutoring Service

EMERSON (Columbia County) – Wesley Wilson enjoys his job as a tutor for local high school and college students. For Wilson, it has been a dream to earn money and help others succeed in their studies.

Wilson's idea became reality after he contacted the Small Business Program of Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS). Wilson presented his business plan to the division, and the process began to help him secure what he needed to launch it.

"I was very amazed at Wesley's passion, his desire to help others, and his motivation to keep pushing despite his disability," said Jeff Jackson, who oversees the ARS' Small Business Program.

Wilson, who uses a wheelchair as a result of a spinal cord injury, received a computer, software, and access equipment to help jumpstart his business. His business is growing as he tutors multiple students throughout the week. He is also giving back by serving as an advisory board member for the Increasing Capabilities Access Network (ICAN). ICAN is an ARS program which provides assistive technology equipment, information, and training to Arkansans with disabilities to help them live more independently.

"Wesley's story should be shared with the world. It's motivating for others who may be in similar situations or for those who have lost hope because of their disability," Jeff said.

Watch Wesley's story [here](#), as he was profiled by Be Extraordinary, a 501(c)(3) organization that ensures people with disabilities achieve their goals through a network of organizations and individuals.

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